Affixation

Prefixes, infixes, suffixes …..Anyone?

Terminology LINGUISTICS

Morphology – Study of word formation processes in language

Affixation - Prefixes/ suffixes /Infixes

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Infixes??

**Morpheme – Smallest unit of meaning**

**Bound Morphemes** vs **Unbound (free) Morphemes**

Infinitive verb – to sing, to play

Base/root verb – sing happy

Word classes – Nouns/ verbs /Adjectives/ Adverbs

Inflectional vs Derivational unhappy adjective – negated

Absolutely

Affix - Absobloominglutely – infix

Prefixes do not change word class but derivational suffixes do

Affixation (word formation/morphological process)

Lexis=vocab

Example 1 employ (=verb)- root/base

Unemployment (= Noun)

Prefix Suffix (bound morphemes)

Root/

**Does not change word class.**

**Changes only the meaning of the word (Semantic function)**

**May/ may not change word class**

**(Derivational/ Inflectional)**

Base

**This is the core of the word to which any prefix/suffix can be added**

Manage (v)- manager (n-person) management (n)

The Manager manages the management

Suffixes are usually divided into 2 categories

Inflectional suffixes number and tense (do not change word class)

Derivational suffixes (Change word class- verb-adj/ noun-adj etc)

All prefixes are inflectional (only inflects/ change meaning)

**Im** possible- impossible (adj-adj) (**dis**- connect- disconnect)

**Un**  important- unimportant (**adj-adj**) (**anti** - social- antisocial)

**Ir** – regular- irregular / relevant- irrelevant

Inflectional suffixes number and tense (does not change word class)

She read**s- read**

He play**s Tense “s” & “es” 3rd person S-V**

It (The bird) sing**s (simple present)**

She reach**es** (home)

**(He ) Play- played Tense “d” “ed” (Simple Past)**

**(She ) Dance- danced**

**Bake- baked**

**Tree- Trees**

**School- Schools Number (Pluralization)**

**Bus- buses “s” and “es”**

**Knife – knives**

**Child - children**

City - cit**ies**

Comparatives – superlatives (adjectives) - big bigger biggest

Adverbs

Derivational Suffixes

Teach (verb) – Teach**er** (noun)

Dance- danc**er** from verb to noun

Paint - paint**er** (Derivation)

Farm- farm**er**

Employ (verb) - employ**ment** (noun) from verb to noun

Establish – establish**ment**

Organisation- British color- American colour – british eng

Oraganize- organiza**tion** Ame from verb to noun

Authorize – Authoriza**tion** (Derivation)

Realize - realiza**tion**

Happy (adj) – happi**ly** (adv)

Lazy – lazi**ly**  from adjective - adverb

Beauty (noun) – beauti**ful** (adj) - from noun to adjective

Wonder – wonder**ful (adj)** – from noun/verb to adjective

wander